

HOUSE BILL 3581

By Ford

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, to authorize issuance of new specialty earmarked plates for Volunteer Wounded Warriors.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Volunteer Wounded Warriors;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and the fee provided for in § 55-4-203, shall be issued a Volunteer Wounded Warriors new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(b) The new specialty earmarked plates provided for in this section shall contain an appropriate design honoring Tennessee's wounded veterans. Such plates shall be designed in consultation with the department of veterans affairs.

(c) Notwithstanding § 55-4-215, all of the funds produced from the first year's initial issuance and sale of such new specialty earmarked license plates, less the cost of actually designing and manufacturing the plates to the department, shall be allocated to the department of veterans affairs to be used to support programs to assist veterans' rehabilitation, readjustment, and treatment with first priority to the members of the Tennessee national guard wounded in conflicts in federal service, second priority to all

other disabled veterans, and third priority to any honorably discharged veteran. For the second and subsequent year of issuance, the funds shall be allocated to the department of veterans affairs in accordance with § 55-4-215 for the foregoing purposes.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.